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The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow wasn't quite as large as Romulus resident Elmer Gauvin hoped Saturday night. He had a one-in-five chance of winning \$2 million, but walked away with \$5,000.

\$2 million man?

Romulus man almost becomes millionaire

Scott Spielman
Editor

Saturday night, Romulus resident Elmer Gauvin had to wait a little longer to find out how much his life would change.

Gauvin, one of five Michigan residents with a chance to win \$2 million in the Michigan Lottery \$2 million Blast game, said he was pacing and nervous in the luxury suite at Comerica Park, where he – or one of four other contestants – would soon be \$2 million richer.

The ceremony was set to take place after the seventh inning of the Saturday night game between the Detroit Tigers and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Gauvin and the four other finalists – Brian Lutze of Bay City, Barbara O'Keefe of Livonia, Sue Emerick of Monroe and Danny Batou of Sterling Heights – would each select a large envelope laid out in front of the Tigers' dugout. One of those would contain a check for \$2 million.

"It's pretty intense," said Gauvin before the final drawing.

He and his fellow finalists made small talk in the suite before the game.

And then the rain started.

It drenched the stadium as a severe weather pattern rolled across the sky, but when it departed it left a huge double rainbow across the horizon.

Unfortunately for Gauvin, though, there was



Elmer Gauvin tears into an envelope that may contain \$2 million Saturday night at Comerica Park in Detroit.

no pot of gold at the end of it – or at least not a large one. He took home an additional \$5,000,

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Officials to visit out-of-state tracks

Scott Spielman
Editor

City of Romulus officials hope a fact-finding expedition to two out-of-state racetracks will give them perspective on a 212-acre development that may come to town.

They're planning to visit the Gulf Stream racetrack and clubhouse in Florida, which is near Palm Meadows and another in Texas, called the Lone Star.

Each trip was suggested by consultants and city officials of those communities as the best way to get a broader view of the type of impact racetracks have had on the community, according to City Planner Cindy Lyon.

"They've told us to come out and visit to determine what it was like," Lyon told the Romulus City Council last Monday. "We thought it was important to get a good idea of what the project was."

The 212-acre development under consideration is called Michigan Downs, and will be located off Vining Road, between Smith on the north and Wick Road on the south.

It would cost at least \$80 million to build and be constructed in three phases, according to Jim McAlpine, president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Magna Entertainment Group, the firm developing the project.

Because it is such a large development and will have a significant impact on the city and its environs, city officials said they wanted to get a look at the broad-

er influence it will have. They want to look at how the facility interacts with the community and vice-versa, and look at aspects of public safety and traffic flow.

The group that will take the trip will be a collection of city planners, economic development director Timothy Keyes and members of the city council or planning commission.

City officials are already concerned about how the public would react to the trip though, because Magna Entertainment will ultimately reimburse the city for the expense of the trip. In the resolution approving the trip, council members were sure to state that the visit would not be considered a gift, nor used for entertainment purposes. The resolution specified a fact-finding visit that would look at issues like traffic management.

Even so, Councilman Leroy Burcoff voted against the plan.

Planning Commissioner Cathy Fretag said she had visited the Florida location recently during a vacation.

"It was a first-class track," she said. "It was clean and very inviting. I was very impressed with the facility."

City planners are still working with representatives from Magna as they discuss development issues. A decision on the facility could come before the end of the summer, according to Lyon. She said a public hearing has been tentatively set for July 30, and the city council could vote on the plan in August.

Police seek family of man killed in Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A 36-year-old man was struck and killed at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road at approximately 4:20 a.m. June 25.

Canton Township police said the man was walking on east-bound Michigan Avenue when a Chevy pick-up truck driven by a 36-year-old Plymouth resident struck him.

"The pedestrian was walking in the road and the driver didn't see him until the last second," said Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler. "Alcohol was not a factor in the accident and it is

unlikely that the driver will be charged."

Mutchler said a Lincoln, Neb. state ID card was found on the pedestrian who has been identified as Gary R. Davis.

"He was a transient," he said. "He worked a lot of different jobs in a lot of different places."

Davis died at 11:47 a.m., that same morning, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Police have been unable to locate family members of the victim, according to Mutchler.

Anyone with information about the victim is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 397-3350.

Man found guilty in 2-year-old shooting

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Westland Police department closed the book on a 2-year-old murder case last week.

They received a guilty verdict Friday in a drug-related homicide that took place in March, 2001, according to Lt. Jim Ridener.

Michael Banks Morgan, a 22-year-old Garden City resident and one of four suspects police believe were involved in the murder, was convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court of felony murder, conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to attempt robbery while armed.

The other three suspects, 23-year-old Jeremiah Brooks of

Redford, 23-year-old Eladio Nino of River Rouge and 21-year-old Patrick Bates, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of second-degree murder last year.

Morgan faces life in prison without parole.

"It's a fitting end," said Ridener.

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Art smart

Inkster student's talent rewarded with home computer system

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Budding artist Orrice Magee, Jr. believes art should make people think about their surroundings. And apparently the 15-year-old knows what he's talking about. Magee was recently awarded a home computer system as first prize in the Inkster Weed and Seed Poster Contest. Magee, a student at Inkster High School, competed in the 9th to 12th grade category. His artwork was selected from numerous entries from more than 300 Weed and Seed communities nationwide. Magee's concept for the mixed media piece – which he created using pens, markers and colored pencils as required by the contest rules – started to take shape after he heard about the theme, "How does the Weed and Seed organization help your community?"

"I used a couple of things to make my point," said the 10th grader. "It just came out with the topic. I tried to (create a) design that shows that Weed and Seed is about non-violence."

Magee's poster includes several images. The scene is set against the backdrop of an urban community, with a group of people holding signs emblazoned with various non-violence messages. The poster, once printed will be seen at Inkster schools and at Weed and Seed sites across Inkster.

Drawing has been a favorite pastime for Magee since he was about 5 or 6 years old, according to his mother, Angeline Magee.

"We noticed his talent early on," she said. "I remember that his first drawing was of a pig. I could tell immediately that he was talented. The drawing was so good I thought he traced it."



Orrice Magee, Jr. poses at a computer terminal in the Inkster High School Library with his parents, Orrice Sr. and Angeline.

Magee's artistic talent might also be genetic. His father, Orrice Magee, Sr., attended classes at Detroit Center for Creative Studies before taking work in the automotive industry. He recently patented his own computer animation software. He said that family responsibilities have kept him from pursuing his dreams of a career in art, which made him more determined to ensure his son could pursue his goal.

"I'm a realist, but my son isn't," Magee Sr. said. "He likes things that are a little wilder. But I've spent a lot of time teaching him some techniques."

Both Magee's parents said they are aware of the difficulties of a career in the arts, but both are doing everything they can to support their son's aspirations.

"Our objective is to help Orrice pursue

(a career in art)," Angeline Magee said. "He draws all of the time; it's more than something he does, it's who he is. We believe he can make it as an artist."

This year, Magee will spend six weeks on the campus of Wayne State University learning about college life.

Though the 15-year-old hasn't given too much thought to where he might attend school once he graduates two years from now, he knows what he'd like to be doing 10 years from now.

"I like cartooning," he said. "But as a fall back career, I'd like to do computer animation." Inktown High, the young artist's cartoon, runs in the high school paper.

Computer animation skills – which can take several years to develop – are something Magee can build on his new computer; he didn't have one before he won the contest. All of which makes Inkster Weed and Seed Director Jeannie Fields, very proud. "Computers really help kids academically, and in this case, it could help him with his art," she said.

Inkster Weed and Seed is part of the national Operation Weed and Seed program sponsored by the U.S Department of Justice Anti-Violence Program. The goal of the program is to "weed out" violence through advocacy and community activism. Inkster has been a Weed and Seed community for five years.

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Inktown High (Today starring Felix) © 2003 Orrice Magee, Jr.

Above, Inktown High is a regular feature created by Magee for the Inkster High School newspaper. Below, Orrice Magee, Jr.'s poster visuals will be seen at Weed and Seed schools and help centers in the fall.

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Summerfest continues this week in Westland

Scott Spielman
Editor

Anyone driving by the Central City Park in Westland recently has probably noticed a lot of activity there.

It's the Westland Summer Festival, the longest annual community event in the city.

The festival got under way last night with a parade and performance from Benny and the Jets and War Machine, a KISS band that performed in full costume.

The festival continues throughout the week and picks up steam during the weekend, according to Gary Bohlson, who organized the entertainment for

the festival this year.

Tonight Steve King and the Dittilies perform on the main stage from 7- 11 p.m.

The popular Vegas Night, organized by the Westland Jaycees, was expanded to four nights, he said. That event starts at 6 tonight in the Bailey Center. Games begin at 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

There will be plenty of top-notch local talent featured throughout the festival, Bohlson said. Bands like Pix N Stix, Wild Heat, Undertow, Exploded View and Failed Grace will hit the stage on Saturday and Bobby Lewis and the CrackerJack Band will close out the concerts on

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Gary Bohlson

Sunday night.

As always, the fireworks display will take place around dusk on Sunday, Bohlson said that would be about 10:20 p.m.

There are lots of other activities that will take place. There is a craft show, plenty of fun contests such as golf chipping, pie eating, a polka contest, bubble

blowing and hula hoops. There will also be carnival and pony rides.

Bohlson said if it sounds like a lot of work goes into planning the festival, it's because, well, there's a lot of work that goes into planning the festival.

“It's a year-long process,” he said. “We take a week off after the festival, but then we start planning again a month later.”

He said it's a dedicated group of volunteers who get together monthly to plan the event. How dedicated? Well, Bohlson has been a part of the committee for eight years now.

“And I'm one of the new ones,” he said.

Each year, they try to plan new events for the festival. This year, there will be several professional wrestling matches that take place on Friday and Saturday night. Patrons can see six matches for \$3 and root on contestants named ‘Prime Time,’ ‘Chance Prophet’ ‘Trik Nasty’ and Sonya Black Hawk, the youngest female professional wrestler.

The matches take place in the Bailey Center.

“That ought to be pretty cool,” Bohlson said.

Festival organizers will also bring in a trout pond that will be set up on the park grounds, as well.

“There's going to be a lot of things going on,” he said.

Fast track Romulus teen wins Grand National Race

Jeremy Linderman is a young man on the fast track.

Literally.

Linderman, a senior at Romulus High School, recently won the High School Grand National Race at Milan Dragway.

To win the Nationals, Linderman had to win six consecutive races.

“The races went so fast that it seem to be over just after it started,” Linderman said. That could be because he reached speeds of 101.9 mph during the competition.

The young racer drove his

brother's Mustang to his first-place win. Student cars must be completely stock, or unmodified, to be eligible to compete. The cars must also achieve preset race conditions, including starting reaction time, speed a designated intervals (100, 200, 300 yards), speed at the finish and total elapsed time.

Linderman said he was “thrilled” about his win. He was impressed, he said, with how well run the event was.

“Everybody had a great time,” he said of his fellow student participants.

Linderman took advantage of

every opportunity to practice his driving skills and drove the dragway track on nights it wasn't being used for races. “My initial reaction time was often not the fastest, but I caught up by the time we reached the first 100-yard post,” he explained.

The student earned nothing but praise from his auto lab teacher Bob McLain who understands his need for speed.

“I was really pleased to see Jeremy achieve this special goal,” McLain said. “Jeremy has excellent work habits and should become very successful in the future.



Romulus High School Auto Lab teacher Bob McLain, at left, was pleased to see one of his students, Jeremy Linderman, win first place in the High School Grand National race at Milan Dragway. Linderman drove his brother's Mustang at speeds exceeding 100 mph.

Canadian sewage being accepted at Carleton Farms

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Residents of Sumpter Township may not be aware that more than garbage is coming over the Canadian border to Carleton Farms.

The City of Toronto recently modified an existing contract with landfill owner Republic Services to accept sewage sludge along with garbage when the Canadian community exhausts the primary means of sludge disposal.

Matt Neely, area president of Republic Services for Michigan, said the acceptance of sludge at the landfill has been an ongoing project for the last two and a half years. The contract has now been extended for the next four years, with the landfill charging the same tipping fee for sludge

as it does trash.

The contract is now a direct agreement with Carleton Farms, making the landfill liable for the waste and not the City of Toronto.

Neely said the landfill will accept a maximum of 55,000 tons of sludge, a ballpark estimate. Toronto will only send the sludge during periods when it cannot spread it over farmland or manufacture it into processed fertilizer pellets, he said.

Neely said the sludge is safe, as it is treated according to high standards. According to experts, accepting the sludge is not a health issue, he said.

“It is highly treated wastewater sludge, tested for odor and pathogen control,” Neely said.

Township Resident Thomas Weedon, who campaigned for the office of township

supervisor on the Republican ticket, said it is important to remember that viruses cannot live outside the human body. The township receives good income from the landfill, and has received trash from Detroit for 20 or 30 years, he said. Detroit garbage is no better or worse than Canadian, Weedon said.

Weedon said the landfill is built to modern standards with approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The landfill will be sealed and capped when it is full, with running methane pumps that will dispose clean air.

“Maybe we don't like it, but it will decompose 100 feet. It will shrink to 20 feet tall in 30 years,” Weedon said.

Resident Sharon Claxton said she is concerned with medical waste coming in from Canada. She said the waste may not

be as well cared for, as she has heard of a garbage truck coming over the border with blood dripping out of it. With the recent smuggling of drugs in one truck from Canada into Carleton Farms and the recent SARS scare, Claxton said she is concerned.

“It's easy access to bring in just about anything they want to us, and that just scares me,” Claxton said.

Newly elected Supervisor Toni Clark said she hopes the township board will reexamine the contract it has with the landfill and renegotiate.

“We need to open the books on that and examine the contract,” Clark said. “The township should take another look at what's going on with the landfill itself. Do we really know what we're really getting ourselves into?”

Millions - Win of \$2 million lottery prize was close for Romulus resident

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but Batou took the big prize.

Gauvin, who works at the Rite-Aid Drug Store in Wayne, said he bought the winning ticket in April. He actually took a clue from Charlie in the Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory series – the first \$20 ticket he bought that day was a loser and he looked at the stand to see only a single ticket remaining.

“I figured, what the heck. It's the last one,” said Gauvin, who

purchased the ticket at the Super Y Market in Romulus.

It proved to be a good choice. The ticket was a \$1,000 winner and it put him in the drawing to become one of the five finalists. That drawing took place about a week ago, he said. He was notified in late June.

“I was geeked to say the least,” Gauvin said.

His Saturday adventure started with a lunch at the Hockeytown Café across from Comerica Park, continued

through the game and after when he and the other finalists were put up at a nearby hotel.

He said the situation really took on a special tone just before the ceremony, when he and the other finalists were lined up to go out onto the field for the potentially life-altering decision. Gauvin looked up at the crowd, joked with his comrades and looked at his image on the jumbo screen out in right field. Asked if he was nervous, he said: “You don't know the half of it.”

Gauvin said he had big plans for the jackpot, had he been fortunate enough to win it.

He wanted to buy a new house, take his mother on a trip and buy new cars for himself and his son, Michael. He also wanted to donate to a charity and his church, where he sings in the choir.

He was only a little disappointed, he said.

“It's all good. I'll take the extra \$5,000,” he said. “Hey, we're all winners, after all.”

Verdict

FROM PAGE 1

“It was a long, long road to finish this case,” said Sgt. Mike Gould, one of the lead investigators in the murder.

All four suspects will be sentenced July 10, but Morgan already has an idea of the term he's in store for – felony murder carries a life in prison without a chance of parole.

“We won't have to deal with him any more,” Ridener said.

Super Science

Parties can now feature science experiments as entertainment

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Up...up...and away.

Super Science, a new business in Canton Township, is taking off with the goal of turning young people on to science and math through simple yet spectacular hands-on activities and demonstrations.

"The programs are designed to stimulate kids' interests in science and math through experimentation and fun," said Monica Baker, who owns Super Science with her husband, Douglas.

Programs prepared for children aged 5-12 years old are presented at schools, birthday parties, summer camps, scouting events, libraries and many more locations throughout southeast Michigan.

Super Science also has pro-

grams for teachers to learn how to incorporate hands-on experimentation with the students, Baker said.

Monica Baker has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. She also earned a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Michigan in 2002.

"After spending several years in the corporate world, I decided to open my own business that would allow me to combine the skills I learned in school with my personal interests," she said.

Douglas Baker, who also has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and an MBA, maintains his job as a manager in finance with Ford Motor Co.

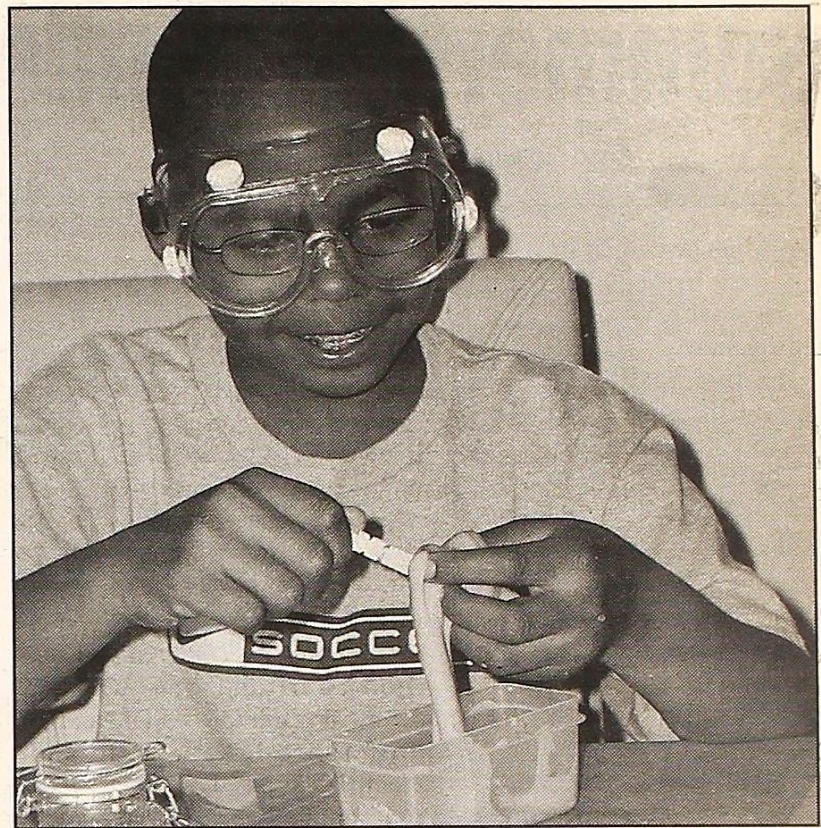
Super Science customers can choose the theme for their party

from various disciplines of math and science, she said. Experiments include everything from volcanic-like eruptions to hair-raising events with the Vande Graaf generator, the metal ball that makes hair stand on end when touched.

"Not only do they get take part in the experiments, but we teach them the theory behind it so they know how it works," she said.

Chemistry, biology, astronomy, physics and math are just some of the categories available for the children to explore and investigate. Or, customers can choose the 'Super Science Original,' which includes experiments from all science disciplines, she said.

Super Science will try to defeat the summertime blues with Super Science Summer Camp July 28 to Aug. 1.



Brandon Davis, 9, plays with some gooey gunk that he just created in a chemistry experiment.

Each day of the camp will consist of at least 10 different science experiments or demonstrations in one or more categories, according to Baker.

"Many of the experiments include projects that the kids can take home," she said. "There will

be two to four take home projects or educational hand-outs per day."

The summer camp will be open to children ages 6-11 and will take place from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Summit on the Park banquet facility. The cost is \$125 per child.

Local students awarded degrees at Lawrence Technological Institute

Several local students were among the class of graduates last month at Lawrence Technological University.

Fifteen students from Canton Township were awarded degrees during commencement ceremonies May 18.

Among the students graduating were: Gregory Dreslinski, Tuan La, Flavious Martin, Timothy Piontek,

Dennis Rogale, Brett Stacey, Stanley Braska, Robert Dickie, Michael Garrison, Keith Kamysiak, Gang Li, Adam Marano, Rocky Nichols, Vijaykumar Patel and Edward Reader.

Belleville resident Cheryl Short was also awarded her degree. Patrick Mischka and Kelly Porter, both from Wayne, were among the graduates.

Westland students who earned their college degrees from Lawrence included: Michael Dominguez, Deborah Guerra, Brian Mattioli, Nicolae Mitrea, Gazmor Musai, Robert Raymond, Lu Hong and Scott Keimer.

Brian Hittinger, a Romulus resident, was also a member of the graduating class of 2003 at the Southfield college.

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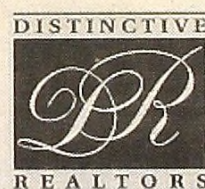
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Wrong number

Cell phones may not provide needed help in emergency situations

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Will that cell phone with gadgets like caller ID, three-way calling, a hundred different ring tones, games and even Internet access through satellite signals help in an emergency situation? Immediate access to help during emergencies is an important reason people buy cell phones, according to Martha Campbell, director of Health Matters: Education and Training, LLC in Canton Township.

"Yet, cell phones may be providing a false sense of security," she said. "While cell phones obviously come in handy if you are stranded in your car and for other distress situations, there are many factors that can affect the accuracy of 911 calls made from these devices."

In addition to the usual problems associated with cell phones – static, echo or lack of service in the area – emergency calls made from cell phones aren't automatically routed to the correct dispatcher. It depends on which cell phone tower receives the original signal, according to Campbell.

"There are often middlemen who are involved in receiving emergency cell phone calls and routing each call to the appropriate 911 center," she said. "Since every moment is precious in a life threatening situation, trying to pinpoint the cell caller's location is critical time wasted. Those few minutes can mean the difference between life and death."

Campbell said most dispatch equipment doesn't automatically display the location of the cell phone caller. When calling from a land line an address is automatically displayed to the 911 dispatcher. She said there is effort to change this by 2005.

"Recent research by various organizations has found that about 30 percent of all 911 calls nationwide come from cell phones," she said. "During a test conducted by *Consumer Reports*,

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Martha Campbell
Director of Health Matters: Education and Training, LLC in Canton Township

15 percent of cell phone callers dialing 911 had trouble connecting and 4 percent never got through."

Many of those failures to reach emergency aid, she said, are due to people making unnecessary non-emergency calls to 911.

Inadequate service is another major concern resulting in more than two million calls that don't get through, according to Campbell.

Together with American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), Campbell offers some tips to keep in mind when it is necessary to dial 911 from a cell phone:

Inform the emergency dispatcher that you are calling from a cell phone immediately.

Give the dispatcher your cellular number in case you lose the signal.

Know your specific location and give specific details.

Even if there is no signal, continue trying, you may eventually get enough of a signal to get through.

If calling about a traffic accident that you or someone else has had, pay attention to details that will help you remember your

location, such as mile markers, exit numbers, direction you were traveling, highway or road number and count or city that you're traveling through.

If it is safe and you are able to, get out of your car before calling, since the signal will be better outside of the car.

However, if a land line such as a home phone, business phone or, even pay phone is available, use that phone, she said, so the dispatcher will have the exact location immediately.

She also suggests not throwing away old phones or phones without minutes or service because they can still be useful.

"As long as the battery is charged, you can still use the phone to make a 911 call," she said.

Campbell's Health Matters offers programs in basic first aid, CPR, child safety, and emergency medical training.

For more emergency safety information call Campbell at (734) 737-0536.

'Tuesdays are Terrific' family concerts continue all summer in Canton Township

The Canton Township Tuesdays are Terrific family series began last week with the Josh and Roy Vaudeville show. According to leisure services, more than 150 people attended the comedy-juggling act. The series continues next Tuesday with exciting circus acts by CirqueAmongUs. Wild Swan Theater presents "Jack and the Beanstalk" July 22 and Chris Linn closes the series Aug. 5 with dazzling magic tricks and illusions. Show times begin at noon and last approximately one hour. Admission to each show is free. Family and friends are welcome to bring their lunch, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the show. For further information contact the Leisure Services Department at (734) 394-5460.

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OPINION

A gift horse, indeed

Officials in the City of Romulus were very careful last week when they made a resolution in support of a "fact-finding" trip to other race-tracks and clubhouses similar to the one planned near the I-94 expressway.

They went so far as to read into the motion the fact that the trip is merely for members of the planning department and council to get a glimpse of the type of impact a large development like the track would have on the host community.

The trips would be to facilities in Florida and Texas, where race-tracks have recently been constructed. Magna Entertainment, the firm that wants to construct the 212-acre development in Romulus, will reimburse the city for the costs.

The plan begs two questions: when is a gift not a gift, and the age-old riddle: is this trip really necessary?

The fact that city consultants suggested the fact-finding trip doesn't negate the fact that the city ultimately will get paid for it. Neither does the fact that Florida and Texas officials, when called by Romulus officials, told them they really had to come down and get a first-person perspective. If they were really concerned about the appearance of impropriety but still wanted to visit one of the locations, they should have ponied up the money themselves. True, budget times are tight, and that may not be a feasible option. In that case, a simple, "Sorry, it's not in the budget" should have sufficed.

There are examples nearby that Romulus officials can use to gauge the impact on a community. The fact that they are older facilities shouldn't dissuade them — a new development doesn't stay new forever. A quick trip to Northville or a longer trip to Grand Rapids would certainly balance out the glitz and glamour of a new facility.

But we question the need for the trip in the first place. The Michigan Downs development, as proposed, would bring millions of dollars in revenue to the City of Romulus, both through additional taxes and through breakage funds, which are increments of horse track wagers. It would bring hundreds of jobs to the community. It would also help improve the image of a city known primarily for the airport that sits in the middle of it.

The proposed development is a beautiful facility and should be welcomed by city officials. It shouldn't take a fact-finding visit to determine that — those facts can be found right here.

More than the bottom line

Whether by accident or design, the State of Michigan will ultimately benefit from the rebidding of 450 acres of land in Northville Township.

The first time bids were solicited for the land, only three interested firms, one of which had an outside business relationship with one of the state consultants on the project, made an offer for the property.

Even though the business relationship wasn't related to the sale of the land or the development of the proposals for the land sale, state officials decided to rebid the project to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. In the end, that was the right thing to do.

The state will reap the benefits of it, too. The high bid during the first attempt was \$70 million from Pulte Homes, and bids the second time around generally topped that. The highest was \$76.7 million. Grand Sakwa, who bid \$68.5 million the first around and one dollar over \$76 million in the second round put in the third highest bid.

Now, state officials have pointed out that the dollar amount isn't the final determination in the bid award. After all, we're talking about a huge chunk of land here, with a variety of proposed uses, geography to deal with and perhaps environmental issues, as well. And the state is

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Pyrotechnic patriotism

After writing about the effort to put on a fireworks show in the City of Wayne for the past two months, I felt a rising sense of excitement about the annual event.

As the final days before the celebration approached, it seemed that every day brought a new revelation about the community minded and patriotic spirit of Wayne residents.

The donations to put on the show topped \$15,000 as local schools got involved and the donation can drive picked up steam. Other residents volunteered their time and equipment and I realized that no matter what the show amounted to, it would still be a special day.

So I wasn't really surprised to find Attwood Park packed with people long before sundown.

I strolled around the park and in a parking lot crowded with food vendors, children and general merriment. People had already gathered in prime viewing locations. Nearby children screamed and laughed and bounced on inflatable rides or battled it out in padded suits.

I found myself nodding as I thought: "And to think, this almost didn't happen. It was almost a vic-

tim of city budget cuts."

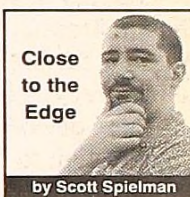
In a way the fireworks themselves provided the ultimate expression of gratitude for the many people who put in their time and effort to organize the event and for those who simply sent in a check or put their spare change in a patriotically decorated can.

The show, a full 25-minutes of patriotic pyrotechnic pleasure, wowed the crowd and earned shouts and cheers from several blocks away.

Even if the show was its own reward, the many people who helped out in the effort still deserve another pat on the back.

Their voices were heard, and the community responded. It'll bring a special bit of poignancy to the celebration of the Fourth of July tomorrow, when thousands of people will gather by the street side to watch any one of several parades going on.

And the people who helped gather funds to put on the fireworks know that their effort wasn't in vain, either. The city council has heard the cry from the community. The fireworks show was placed back into the budget for next year.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

It's a 'problem' all right

The word "problem" gives me a problem. I don't like the word.

I guess it's because some of my old pictures are triggered by the word and that brings about negative thoughts.

"What's the problem now?" sends me into a mental place that says, "Oh, no." A problem means trouble, anxiety and fear.

Even the dictionary's first definition of problem says: "Any question or matter involving doubt, uncertainty or difficulty." When someone has a problem in business, it's generally accepted as difficult times are here. To my thinking, "problem" drains the positive energy we generally maintain when all is going smoothly.

Thinking about this, I recall when I first admitted drinking had become troublesome for me. Nice side-stepping, huh? This time I'm kidding, but then, so many years ago, I just couldn't bring myself to use the word "problem" when it came to my drinking.

I was too powerful. After all, I could and did do anything I attempted. I was, by all accounts, a good husband and father. I was a television "star" making lots of money. I won Emmy Awards. I was a good guy, fixing everybody's problems. How could I have a "problem"?

Well, I did. I could do anything... except stop drinking.

I remember it all so well. It was Aug. 28, 1987. I had been trying to stop drinking for five years. A friend suggested Alcoholic Anonymous.

"No, I can't do that," I said. "If I do, people will think I was fired from my television job because of my drinking."

"Why don't you call Dennis Wholey?" My friend suggested. "He's in television, he dealt with his alcoholism."

"Naw, we had an argument 10 years ago; he doesn't want to hear from me."

My friend then said magical words: "I'm sure Dennis will be delighted to hear from you."

My disbelief caused me to challenge that statement. I made the call.

After "hello's," Dennis asked why I was calling.

"Well, I got a situation I need, uh, want to look at," I said.

I couldn't say the word, until he gently prodded me into it. Then I blurted it out.

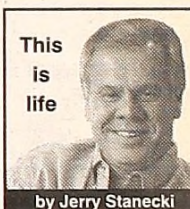
"I got a problem with my drinking."

That was the beginning of a wonderful period of discovery in my life. Alcoholism gives me incredible gifts—continuously. One is the ability to identify old unhealthy pictures that steal happiness and peace from my life, and change them into new healthy pictures. Using that ability, I've come up with a solution to my problem with problems.

I've decided that when somebody says there's a problem, I will say to myself,

"A problem? Hooray!" That way, I immediately off-set the old pictures, which are based on fear and negativity, and create a new picture that says, "Here's a new, exciting challenge that's going to be fun to solve."

By being willing to change, I become less willful. Here's why that's important. "Will" is our conscious



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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LETTERS

Kmart bonuses blasted

To the editor;

I'm a long-time customer of Kmart. I had decided to remain with Kmart to support them in their time of need. However, I have changed my mind since reading that the new management is doing the same thing again.

They are giving bonuses to CEOs and top executives who have been there less than a year who haven't proved themselves as yet.

This is blatant arrogance and complete indifference to their employees and stockholders. Instead of rewarding the chosen few, this money should have gone to the laid off employees or to the suppliers to whom money was owed.

This is aristocracy at its meanest and really quite stupid. I am now forgetting Kmart and shopping primarily at Wal Mart and Target and our old faithful Meijer stores. Since Kmart cared nothing for their employees, the public will forsake Kmart. Of this, I am certain.

Once more the old adage (sic) comes to mind, "Ye reap what ye sow."

Elaine Dunne,
Canton Township

Superintendent praised, public scolded

To the editor;

Additional comment about Dr. (Jim) Ryan's performance as Plymouth-Canton

school superintendent seems appropriate. His openness, candor and commitment are certainly commendable. His is proactive in approach and, unlike a few predecessors, makes an effort to be accessible.

Suffice it to say that Dr. Ryan could become even more effective if voters became more informed about the critical issues facing the district.

Involvement in the educational process at some level is a worthy goal for anyone who cares about our youth. Apathy among the voting public is a disgrace at best. Fifteen percent, plus or minus, of the electorate deciding issues is both demoralizing and counterproductive.

Education and its direction is everyone's business and everyone's responsibility. Unfortunately, segments of the population who cop out at the polls are often those most vocal in their dissent.

They tend to believe that it makes sense to "Throw away the baby with the bathwater".

Hopefully, when the next election or proposition rolls around, additional voters will accept their responsibility as citizens. This often quoted statement might prove to be thought provoking: "If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem".

Our young people are our future. They deserve and need all the support you can give them.

Joe Henshaw,
Plymouth

Sale - State will benefit

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working on a tight timetable. They want the sale completed - as in closed - before the end of September. That means they want assurances that the firm cannot only afford to pay what they offered, now, they want to know they can pull off the entire project.

At least that's what they're saying.

Regardless of whether that turns out to be the case, however, the state will benefit from a higher land sale.

Whether or not that turns out to be a good thing for the township is another question entirely.

The township, after all, has a huge stake in this as well. It's the largest single portion of undeveloped land within the community -barring Maybury State Park - and the development of it will set the tone for the future of the township. Township officials have developed a master concept plan for the area, but they're looking for more than a developer who merely follows ordinances to the letter.

They want land and lots of it. They're looking for about 50 acres of land - about 20 acres of which they would in turn

donate to the school district for a new elementary school. The rest would be set aside for a new fire station, a postal distribution center and perhaps more parkland.

That's where the higher bid amount may hurt the township. A developer who paid only \$68.5 million for the land would probably be more willing to donate land or sell it at a reduced rate than one who paid \$76 million for it.

It may be a moot issue, because the township has been very successful in getting donations from developers in the past. Sakwa, for example, has donated more than 18 acres to the township within the past two years. Pulte and Toll Brothers have also given land to the township.

The decision on who would get the land hadn't been made when *The Journal* went to press, but it was expected on Wednesday. Hopefully, state officials will remain true to their word and choose a developer in part because of their willingness to work with the local community.

It'd be nice if they selected a firm that would benefit the community as a whole, rather than simply padding their bottom line.

Problem - Opportunity to change

FROM PAGE 6

and deliberate action. And, it can be an ambush to being peaceful. We can directly "will" going to bed, but we cannot directly "will" sleep. We have to be willing to fall asleep, not willful.

Want another example? Sure. We can directly "will" obtaining knowledge, but we cannot directly will wisdom. We can directly will pleasure, but not be happy.

Dr. Leslie Farber, who devoted most of his life examining the topic of will, said, "Spirituality involves not magic but miracle and mystery; not willfulness but will-iness."

Hmm, no wonder life is sometimes far

from pleasant. My will, occasionally, is not about exactly what I need. It's more about what I want.

The headline said, "20 million Americans suffer from anxiety". If we are what we think, does willfulness have anything to do with that statistic?

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Belleville may be to blame this time



The issue of lake access on High Street in Belleville is, undoubtedly, complicated.

I heard much frustration in the voices of residents who spoke at meetings of how long they have struggled to get back what they believe is rightfully theirs from the city. The debate seems to have been going on for far too long – while Lot 310 continues to fall into the lake.

I can imagine how Marlene Haley must have felt when the thousands of dollars worth of wood and building materials for her stairs were hauled away from her shore. She was never offered the wood back, though she had to pay \$300 for the return of her docks – with three sections broken. Whether Haley built on the property legally or not, by the city attorney's definition, she had a prescriptive easement, having used the property for more than 20 years at the time.

Haley said that two men approached her a number of years ago and examined her stairs and docks, claiming to be insurance agents of the city. The men went so far as to say her structures were sturdy, unlike those of some of her neighbors, according to Haley. Two years later she was told her structures were illegal and needed to be removed. Haley said she understood the city concern with liability, but why was a structure that posed no threat destroyed? Granted, liability is a murky issue, but whether the structures were there or not, the city, as the owner, was responsible for the property.

Dave Dangler, Haley's next-door neighbor, was given no choice but to insure his dock before it was removed by the city. Dangler's insurer insisted that Dangler, not the city, was responsible, and would not insure the rest of Dangler's property without coverage on the dock. For a piece of property the city was unsure it even rightfully owned until recently, it seems quite a few liberties with little concern for how those actions would affect residents have been taken.

The whole experience has left High Street residents bitter. If the issue is ignored for another few years, lot 310 will fall into the lake and take High Street with it. Residents resent being prohibited from actively taking action against the erosion. Haley was told she would get charged with dumping in the lake if she tried to use crushed cement to help slow the steady encroachment of the lake.

Residents have no assurance that the city will take action in a timely manner with the suggestion to designate Lot 310 as a public park, as the city does little now to maintain the area. Haley insists if she had been left alone to take care of her shore there would have been much better results.

City officials have no one to blame but themselves for the entire mess. If a copy of the title had been kept handy, officials would have known the property was restricted to park designation or for a water supply. Construction of docks and

stairs, built by generations of families living on High Street, would have stopped in 1938 if the city had taken action sooner.

The city may be doing the right thing by following the deed and creating a park now, but what will be left to designate a park if erosion is not taken care of immediately? And the right thing to do is fuzzy

now that residents have a long-standing, vested interest in the property. The city effectively ousted residents who were considered trespassing on private property, which has come at the price of good relations between citizens and government.

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1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing Charter Township of Van Buren Wayne County, Michigan

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At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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Township Clerk Joannie Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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Student of the month

Sherita Leverett, center, was the final winner in the Student of the Month drawing at Romulus Senior High School. Congratulating her are school secretary Eleanore Wilmott, left, and assistant principal Don Foley. Leverett, who won the \$500 bond, was among 316 students who received savings bonds as a reward for scholastic excellence. Total contributions from business and personal sponsors of the program totaled \$3,875 this year.

Bill may aid communities state revenue sharing woes

State lawmakers approved a new revenue sharing initiative last week that would put more money into local municipalities. Canton Township will receive almost \$200,000 more in proposed state revenue sharing funds under a reform plan approved last week by the Michigan House of Representatives, according to State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R - Canton). The bill, approved with bipartisan support, provides a more fair and equitable cut in revenue sharing for Michigan municipalities, LaJoy said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposal involved an across-the-board cut of 3 percent that would have unfairly hurt suburban and rural municipalities, according to LaJoy. "Revenue sharing is a complex system of allocating funding that deserves more attention than a stringent across-the-board cut," he said. "Cities and townships have it tough this year and every dollar saved can go toward important services like fire and police protection."

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It's a win-win proposal for the area. I hope the plan is quickly approved by the Senate and sent to the governor's desk.
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Phil LaJoy

Under the Granholm plan, Canton would only have received \$6.7 million in revenue sharing for fiscal year 2003-2004. The new plan provides \$6.9 million. Van Buren Township will receive almost \$50,000 more in revenue sharing under the new plan. The city of Belleville gets an additional \$4,400 for fiscal year 2003-2004.

"It's a win-win proposal for the area," LaJoy said. "I hope the plan is quickly approved by the Senate and sent to the governor's desk."

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Charter Township of Van Buren Community Development Block Grant Use of Funds

On June 17, 2003, at the 7:30 p.m. regularly scheduled Van Buren Township Board of Trustees Board Meeting, within the guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the following program change was proposed for on the use of the Township's 2002-2003 Community Development Block Grant Funds. The nature of the program is to give priority to assisting those activities which further the national objectives: 1) benefit low and moderate income people, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, or 3) meet other urgent community development needs. The meeting took place at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. The following project changes were approved:

Transfer of project 02-30-03F-ADA to YOUTH SERVICES:
Contribute \$7,000.00 transferred from the ADA category to a YOUTH SERVICES category for youth of low-to-moderate income families to participate in recreation programs provided through the Township.

Transfer of project 02-30-03F ADA to DEMOLITION
Transfer \$10,508.62 from ADA category to Demolition to demolish condemned buildings and structures.

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The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. at 735 East Michigan Avenue, Conference Room 4B, in the City of Lansing, Michigan 48912, on the 22nd day of July, 2003, with respect to a plan of financing by the Authority, consisting of one or more series of bonds, to provide for (i) interim financing for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for persons of low and moderate income and persons whose incomes do not exceed federal and state statutory requirements through the issuance of general and limited obligation notes or bonds of the Authority in an initial aggregate face amount not to exceed \$165,549,000 and (ii) long-term financing for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for persons of low and moderate income and persons whose incomes do not exceed federal and state statutory requirements through the issuance of general and limited obligation notes or bonds of the Authority in an initial aggregate face amount not to exceed \$165,549,000. Note and bond proceeds may also be used to fund reserve funds and costs of issuance, if any. The name of each development, its location, initial owner, maximum aggregate face amount of obligations to be issued to finance each rental housing project and the approximate number of units are listed below.

Development:	Wood Glen Meadows of Van Buren
Location:	A parcel located on the south side of Tyler Road, one-quarter of a mile east of the intersection of Tyler and Belleville Road, immediately adjacent to 44705 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County
Initial Owner:	Centrum-Van Buren Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership
Maximum Face Amount:	\$11,198,000
Description:	120 units for elderly occupancy

This hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity for interested persons to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issuance of bonds.

The Authority will provide necessary reasonable accommodation upon 7 days notice to the Authority. Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to effectively participate in this public hearing should contact the Authority by writing or calling the following: Ted S. Rozeboom, Director of Legal Affairs, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, 735 East Michigan Avenue, 4th Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48912, (517) 373-8295 or TTY (800) 382-4568.

Dated: June 24, 2003 Ted S. Rozeboom, Director of Legal Affairs
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1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Village Place Estates Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Village Place Estates #1-39 inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 11 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$2968.02. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that two public hearings upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on July 15, 2003 and August 5, 2003.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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Township Clerk Joannie Payne
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Publish: July 3, 2003
July 17, 2003

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD June 10, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla,
Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Charles Miller.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Absent: Pamela Kersey

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.*
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-237

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff approve the minutes of the regu-
lar meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 2, 2003.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

03-238

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution acknowledging the
retirement of Councilman Wadsworth from the Wayne County Sheriff/Airport Police
Department after 34 years of dedicated service.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-239

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution for the
family of Frances E. Miller, beloved mother of Councilman Charles Miller.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-240

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment
02/03-42 to appropriate additional funds for the balance of the construction costs
based on the project estimate for Beverly Road.

Fund/Dept. Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Special Assessment:				
Expenditures:				
301-4810-748.90-10	Construction Costs	150,000	73,188	223,188
Special Assessment:				
Fund Balance:		246,009	(73,188)	172,821

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Romak.
Motion Carried.

03-241

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment
02/03-43 to recognize grant revenue and donations received from area businesses for
the Household Hazardous Waste Day program through Emergency Management.

Fund/Dept. Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund-Community Services				
101-1230-712.77-32	Contractual SVCS/House Hold Haz. Waste Day	0	11,044	11,044
General Fund				
Revenues:				
101-3510-511.69-61	HMEP Grant	0	1,594	1,594
101-3510-512.54-35	Other Revenue/Donations	0	9,450	9,450

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-242

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with Debra Hoffman,

Finance Director and Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby to award Bid 02/03-67
2003 Chevy Tahoe for the Romulus Fire Department to the only bidder, Bill Wink
Chevrolet for a total bid price of \$31,059.00 with funds budgeted and available in the
Motor Vehicle Fund Machinery and Equipment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-243

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Study Session to be
held July 14, 2003, 6:00 p.m. in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne
Road, Romulus, Michigan, with Architect Dan Redstone for the purpose of dis-
cussing the Fire Department Strategic Facilities Plan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5E. Deleted*.

03-244

6A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to approve second reading and final
adoption of Budget Amendments 02/03-41 introduced at the council meeting held
June 2, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-245

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to rescind resolution 03-228 to
vacate all of North Park Street and the east-west alley between Grover and Wahrman
of the Junction Subdivision Block 26

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-246

6A3. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing for
July 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Romulus City Hall Council Chambers,
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing the vacation of
the entire alley abutting lots 3 through 13 and the eastern 98 feet of North Park of
Block 26 abutting lots 10, 11 and 12.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-247

8. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to
sign Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Standard Contract between The
Environmental Quality Company (EQ) and the City of Romulus (Customer).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth,
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-248

9. Motion to grant St. Aloysius Catholic Community a No-Fee permit for its' 53rd
Annual Festival to be held August 22nd , 23rd, and 24th, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-249

10. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to pay Warrant 03-11 in the grand total
amount of Four Hundred Eighty Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Sixty
Five Cents. (480,444.65) with explanation from Finance on check number # 1511.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of
the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus
City Council held June 10, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 3, 2003

Firms compete for chance to redevelop Plymouth site

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Redevelopment at a former industrial site in the City of Plymouth is still a year or more away, but officials are a bit closer to choosing the firm that will do the work.

They're also close to signing a deal that would earn the city a little money at the site in the meantime.

City Manager Paul Sincok said 11 developers have met the first deadline in the competition for a chance to convert the Bathey property on Mill Street into a residential block.

Each firm submitted a package of credentials to demonstrate the wherewithal they could bring to the job, in response to an open request for qualifications sent out by city administrators.

Sincok said he and possibly "one or two" other officials would review the packages to shorten the list of firms that will participate in the next round of submissions.

The city received packages of qualifications from Burton-Katzman Development Co., Crosswinds Communities, Pulte Homes, Robertson Brothers, Midtown Development, Trowbridge Companies, Joseph Freed and Associates, Adco Group, 21 Century (sic) Holdings, Cambridge Homes and Johnson & McPherson.

The packets provide answers to officials' general questions about firm size, managers and their resumes, experience with similar projects, ability to assemble a team of contractors, projected timeline, financial backing and references.

Only the packages from Burton-Katzman Development Co. and 21 Century (sic) Holdings included all the requested materials, according to internal documents from Sincok's office.

He said the city would likely invite seven or eight firms to submit basic plans and descriptions of what they would do with the site.

Those requests for proposals could go out by the end of July, according to Sincok.

Ultimately, the city commission will use the proposals to select a firm.

A report filed earlier this year by city planners Carlisle, Wortman and Associates found the site best suited to multi-family developments, preferably condominiums. Apartments are a possibility, too, it said.

Single-family houses would be less desirable, according to the report, because their owners and residents are more likely to expose or be exposed to the industrial contamination many expect was left behind by the plating factory that once operated on the site.

A preliminary round of environmental testing there showed no signs of significant contamination, according to Sincok.

More intensive testing won't occur until the city reaches a development deal with a firm, he said.

Until then, it looks as if the city will collect about \$1,000 each month from a local car dealer who has expressed interest in storing cars on the lot.

Sincok would not release the name of the dealer until the city inked a contract, but said such a deal is imminent.

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A: Absolutely. First, it's important that your Veterinarian ensure your pet is not suffering from painful periodontal disease. Second, is a wonderful product called Slurp and Fresh that with proper use will ensure fresh pet breath 24 hours a day.

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(Bob Thorne is the owner of Petland at Twelve Oaks Mall and a devoted animal lover. Questions for him can be mailed to Bob Thorne, THE JOURNAL NEWSPAPERS, P.O. Box 578, Wayne, Michigan 48184.)



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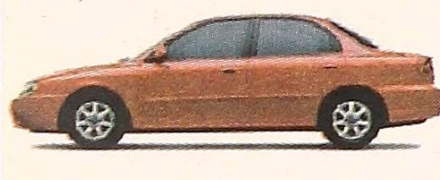
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Plymouth looks at plans for Central Middle School

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

For now, the master plan for revamping the acres of recreation space behind Central Middle School lays draped across a table in Plymouth City Hall. But officials there say it won't be long before the plans wind up on the shelf.

Financial woes in the city and in the public school district make it unlikely that the plans will become much more anytime soon, according to members of the committee that commissioned the work.

"Now bear in mind, we have no money" said City Manager Paul Sincock before thumbing through the drawings last week. "These are just plans. We're not in any position to go forward with anything right now."

Sincock received a copy of the master plan last week from the two firms that produced the drawings. Copies are being distributed to three city commissioners and representatives from the school district.

The city and the schools formed a joint committee earlier this year to study options for expanding recreation facilities at Central, the aging school building near Plymouth City Hall.

Though the continued use of the building as a school has been in question for years, Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan has said the district will not sell the building. No alternative use has yet been proposed.

The city-schools committee will meet in

The discussion at the first meeting was, if we were going to get any grants, we would need a master plan. And your odds are dramatically increased when you have inter-governmental agreements. It made sense to form the committee, get the drawings and go from there.

Dan Dwyer

the next week or so to review and approve the drawings as a master plan for recreation at the site, according to Dan Dwyer, a city commissioner and member of the committee.

Recreation planners and designers who produced the master plan included three alternate options for the site, each a bit more ambitious than the previous one.

The most dramatic of the plans includes a new football field ringed by a new track, an outdoor pool and a walking path that winds around decorative berms and plantings to a play structure.

All three drawings include the baseball diamonds and tennis courts already in use

at Central, though updates to the fences and play surfaces would likely figure into any rehab on the grounds.

But the roughly \$1.2 million in improvements are likely to remain stuck on paper until the financial situation improves for the city and schools alike.

"If we can't get grant money for it, I don't think it will happen," said Dan Dwyer, a city commissioner and member of the committee. "But we knew that going into it."

Faced with fewer revenues than anticipated, the school district and the City of Plymouth each made deep cuts in spending programs in recent months to stave off sizeable year-end deficits.

And though revenue projections for both bodies remain cloudy — even darker than

when the subcommittee first met in January — Dwyer said both parties knew that finances would be an issue from the start.

"The discussion at the first meeting was, if we were going to get any grants, we would need a master plan," he said. "And your odds are dramatically increased when you have inter-governmental agreements. It made sense to form the committee, get the drawings and go from there."

"You never know," he said. "The city administration has been damn good at getting recreation grants."

That said, Dwyer acknowledged that enthusiasm for the master plan wouldn't last forever.

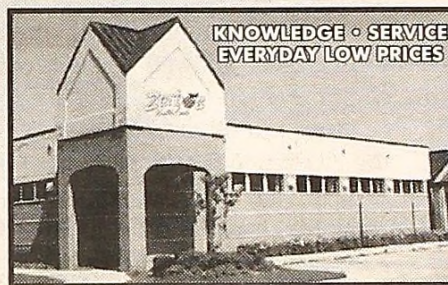
"Our sense at the start was that we'd give it one to two years to get going," he said.

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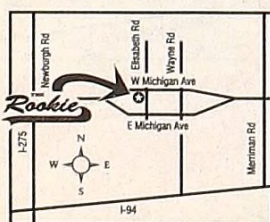
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Wayne church welcomes new pastor

Scott Spielman
Editor

Changes are on the way for the second oldest church in the City of Wayne.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wayne will soon see a new pastor and another new addition – and both will provide a solid foundation for the church.

The Rev. Leon Rowland will take on the role of interim pastor July 6.

Rowland, who has 37 years of experience as a minister, will replace Larry Rolen, who led the congregation for 17 years. Rolen took a position at another church on the western side of the state, according to Associate Pastor

Mick Devins.

Rowland and his wife, Lois, have ministered at churches in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. They've lived for a year in Jerusalem, where the Rev. Rowland studied at the Hebrew University. They visited all the major Biblical sites and major archeological expeditions while they were there.

Rowland also worked for 10 years at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, where he taught courses in Old Testament history, archeology, Hebrew Pentateuch and Prophets. While there he led five study tours to Jordan, Isreal, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Rome.

"His ministry has been char-

acterized by Bible teaching, evangelism and discipleship, working especially with younger couples who are just starting their families," the church said in a written statement.

"He has a passion to help couple establish a strong marriage and build a spiritual foundation to help them teach and train their children."

Later this summer Wayne residents and members of the congregation will see signs of the other new addition planned for the church, which is on Glenwood Road between Newburgh Road and Elizabeth Street.

Devins said the church would soon break ground on a new

youth-oriented center. The new addition would be about 5,000-square feet that would provide a new home for weekly youth meetings, Sunday school classes and special events like concerts.

The new center may even provide a café for kids and be open to them after they get out of school, Devins said.

"We're trying to come up with ways to increase activities for kids in the community," Devins said.

The church itself was formed in 1894. It currently has a congregation of about 500, but that number is growing after a two-year plateau, according to Devins.

"Things are looking up," he said.

JUST MARRIED

Carol Mary Toth weds Charles Lee

Carol Mary Toth and Charles Paul (Chuck) Lee were married on June 21, 2003.

The nuptials were at the Tri-City Christian Center Chapel in Canton Township with the Rev. Rocky Barra officiating.

The bride is a resident of Romulus. She and her groom are both employed at Panagon Systems in Sterling Heights.

The groom, the son of Betty Marshick of Westland, is a Westland resident.

Following their nuptials, the couple left for a week-long honeymoon in the Dominican Republic.

They will make their home in Romulus.

Local women attend sorority conference

Members of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority from Inkster and Westland recently attended the biannual regional conference of the Omega Chapter in Southfield.

Christine Murphy, the acting editor of the chapter said that the meeting was well attended.

Regional Director Andrea Wright presided at the meetings and national president Bessye Long addressed the group.

Local members Carolyn Kimbrough, Shirley Williams, Christine Murphy and Callie Allen attended workshops during the meeting, in addition to group officers.

The Omega Chapter was named Chapter of the Year based on the members' "continuous and untiring" service to the community.

Additionally, the local group was honored with individual Torch Awards to president Sarah Young and vice-president Joyce Phillips.

Phillips was elected to serve a four-year term as the director of the northern region of the organization.

Regional secretary Penny Spencer was recognized for her outstanding service to the group during her four-year term.

The conference took place at the Southfield Marriott.

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Civil War enactors to march in local parades tomorrow

Scott Spielman
Editor

There will be plenty of bands marching the streets of downtown Plymouth and Northville tomorrow, but few have the kind of history as the 5th Michigan Regimental Band.

It's a group of Civil War enactors that appear in full Civil War regalia, complete with era instruments according to Carol Smith, the president of the group.

The band, always a favorite at Fourth of July parades, will proudly march the route in Plymouth beginning at 7:30 a.m. and then travel up to Northville to take part in 10 a.m. parade there, Smith said.

The band, which usually participates in both parades, almost didn't make either one of them

this year, she said. They were scheduled to take part in a gigantic recreation of the Battle of Gettysburg, but the wet spring transformed the field there into a mud pit that would have made the recreation impossible, she said. "They said it was just 'mudsville,' and it would have been terrible," she said.

That recreation was put off until August, but the 5th Michigan always has plenty of events to choose from to keep themselves busy.

The band formed in 1973 as the nation prepared for the bicentennial celebration, according to Smith, whose husband conducts the group.

Members don the clothing of the era and play the instruments of the time, which are primarily named after the direction they

”
*They only play music that was written before 1865.
We don't play anything written after that time.*
Carol Smith

face while marching. The bass over-the-shoulder-sax horn faces behind the marcher, while upright frontals face forward. The music they play comes from that Civil War era, as well.

"They only play music that was written before 1865," she said. "We don't play anything written after that time."

The band typically marched in front of advancing troops, she said, as they inspired soldiers to bravery and - hopefully - victory. It's a position that gave the best

effect for the troops behind them.

"Sound travels backwards," she said. "You only need 12 band members to march 1,000 men. Everyone could hear it."

The band is based on the one that was formed Aug. 20, 1861 and based in Fort Wayne in Detroit.

In addition to the period instruments, band members will be wearing period clothing. That means up to seven layers of cloth, Smith said.

The marchers wear sack

coats, wool coats, cotton shirts and period glasses, if applicable. And it means that any modern accessories - watches, rings, earrings or anything else anti-chronological has to come off.

The band picks and chooses from the many events to which they are invited, but Smith said they always try to take part in a July Fourth parade, even if that means performing in the heat that sometimes comes with it.

"It does get a little warm," Smith said. "The sack coat isn't that bad, though, because it breathes a little better."

The Good Morning USA parade starts at 7:30 a.m. on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

The Northville parade starts at 10 a.m., at Main and Griswold streets.

Inkster students earn degrees

Schoolcraft College recently awarded degrees to several Inkster students.

Among those who graduated from the Livonia school were: Ibrahima Coumbassa, Rachell Renee Davis-Bennett, Pamela Gail Fowler-Smith, Ronnette A. Montague, Yaku Rasul Moton-Spruill, Jody Sue Murray, Bryan Joshua Patrick, Carol Ann Peterson, Troy Charles Ryder and Craig Leonard Shaw.

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Northville schools to change grading system

Scott Spielman
Editor

When Northville middle and high school students return to school next year, they'll find some changes on their report cards.

School board members voted last week to implement an extended 4.0 grading scale for students. The system will help differentiate between scholastic achievements and better recognize it as a whole, board members said.

The decision came after the issue was studied extensively. A grading committee

made up of teachers, administrators and members of the community studied the issue during the last two years, according to Linda Pallas, assistant superintendent for instructional services for the district.

The district currently uses a straight 4.0 system to grade students. Students who earn 90 percent or above are given A's, while those earning 80 percent or above earn B's, and so on. Next year 'pluses' and 'minuses' will be factored in, as well.

"The kids will actually have to work for their grades," said Board of Education President Judy Handley, who pointed out

that students now receive the same grade if they earn an 80 percent as they would if they earned 89 percent. "Those pluses and minuses will show up very differently. We need to start making that public, soon."

School board member Karen Paciorek pointed out that only one of the recommendations made by the committee was unanimous. That was to eliminate the rank-in-class statistic.

"It does not recognize the accomplishment of high school students, as a whole," she said.

High school teachers will pilot a com-

mon matrix for all students and also determine an adjusted scale for advanced placement classes. They'll review the process with the intent of implementing it for honors courses at the beginning of the 2004 school year, according to Pallas.

"We're not quite at the finish line, but we know it's in sight," Handley said.

School Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said that teachers have responded favorably to the plan, even those that didn't serve on the committee.

"The teachers have already commented on how much this will help them," he said.

With thanks

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post in Westland recently presented Westland Mayor Sandra Cicerelli, center, with a replacement Prisoner of War/Missing In Action flag to replace the one flown in front of city hall. The flag was presented by VFW Post 3323 Commander Richard Eberhart and Ladies Auxiliary member Jan Eberhart as a replacement for one in disrepair. The flags display the MIA/POW emblem as a reminder of those still missing in service of their country.



Wayne awarded state grant

Scott Spielman
Editor

The City of Wayne will be able to afford a little extra help as they continue to work on their emergency management plans.

The city received a \$16,202.21 supplemental grant from the State of Michigan Emergency Management Division to provide assistance as the city updates the Emergency Operations Plan, according to Fire Chief Rob Dahlman.

"There is no local match," he said. "It's direct money."

The city has already been working on revising the emergency operation plan as it relates to hazards and disasters like tornadoes and other severe storms or major fire events, according to Dahlman. Much of that has

already been prepared and is in place. The grant allows for the city to prepare for two more specific areas: dealing with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and acts of terrorism.

The grant will supplement the salaries of personnel preparing the strategies and it will allow the city to purchase a laptop computer with the necessary equipment to make presentations to groups throughout the city. The city currently doesn't have a computer with Power Point capabilities for such informational sessions, he said.

"Our plan itself will be confidential, but we'll be able to go out in the community to give information to residents on what they'd need to do," Dahlman said.

The city council accepted the grant last week.

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OBITUARIES

HAWKES, Owen, G. Jr.

Owen "Bones" G. Hawkes, Jr., 36, of Lake Wales, Fla., died June 18.

Among his survivors are his father, Owen Hawkes, Sr. of Milford; his mother and step-father Sharon and Robert Pugh of Lake Wales, Fla.; a brother, Michael E. Hawkes of Lake Wales, Fla.; a sister, Vicki K. Hawkes of South Lyon; paternal grandparents Harry F. and Margaret Hawkes of Lady Lake, Fla.; six nieces, and a nephew.

Mr. Hawkes worked as a chaplain for the Circle of Friends Ministry at Trinity Baptist Church of Lake Wales, Fla. He worked as a volunteer with his local chamber of commerce.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Mike Ragan officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

ROBERTS, Marie Artley

Marie Artley Roberts, 91, a life-long resident of Belleville, died June 23.

Among her survivors are her sisters, Mildred Artley and Dorothy M. Mason, both of Belleville and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Roberts retired from Roberts Brothers Furniture and Funeral Home in 1974. She was a charter member of the Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club.

Funeral services were at Belleville First United Methodist Church where Mrs. Roberts had been a member for more than 50 years, with the Rev. Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

AIMONE, George, Jr.

George Aimone, Jr., 77, of Belleville, died June 20, at home.

Among his survivors are his wife of 58 years, Lulu (Jeffery) Aimone; sons, Michael (Lynda) Aimone, Jeffrey, Aimone, Jonathan Aimone and Patrick Aimone, all of Belleville, and Scott (Terri) Aimone of Divide, Colo.; sisters, June (Dan) Girard of Lake Linden, Beth (Gary) Smith of Washington and Paula Littleton of Arizona; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Aimone served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from the General Motors Cadillac Division after 40 years.

Funeral services were at First United Methodist Church in Belleville with the Rev. Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

KATIC, Lorraine

Lorraine Katic, 79, of Lawrenceburg, TN, died June 24.

Among her survivors are her husband of 30 years, Mark Katic of Westland; daughters, Kathryn (Norman) Norton, of N.C. and Rosemarie Katic of Westland; a son, Mark (Susie) Katic Jr. of Brentwood, TN; grandchildren, Melissa (Kyle) Inman of Brentwood, TN and Todd (Jill) Katic of Fenton, and a great-grandson, Garrett Inman of Franklin, TN.

Mrs. Katic was retired from the City of Westland where she had been employed for more than 30 years.

Funeral services were at the Loretto Memorial Chapel in Loretto, TN with the Rev. Gary Norton officiating.

Interment was at Fullers Chapel in Tennessee.

MONROE, Edna Mae

Edna Mae Monroe, 67, of New Boston, died June 23.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Joanne (Robert) Johnson and Brenda (David) Ferguson; six brothers; two sisters; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

HENDRIX, Curtis

Curtis Hendrix, 60, of Romulus, formerly of Brownstown Township, died June 28, at home.

Among his survivors is his wife of 38 years, Carolyn Kay (Hyder) Hendrix; daughters, Kathy (Michael) Watson of Superior Township and Beth Janusz of Ann Arbor; his parents, Kirk and Kathleen Hendrix of Trenton; brothers, Kenneth (Linda) Hendrix of Riverview and Michael (Judy) Hendrix of Trenton; a sister, Carolyn (Michael) McMurtry of Waterford, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hendrix served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Calvin Brown officiating.

PINTER, Mae Catherine

Mae Catherine Pinter, 84, of Trenton, died June 21.

Among her survivors are her sons Robert (Nancy) Pinter and Louis (Mary Ann) Pinter; a nephew, Richard (Sande) Gilstorf; a great-niece, Kirsten Gilstorf; six grandchildren, and a brother, Raymond Gilstorf.

Funeral services were at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Flat Rock.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

CHURCH, Phyllis D.

Phyllis D. Church, 56, of Belleville, died June 26 in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her husband, Allen G. Church, Sr.; sons, Adam Andrew Fitzpatrick of Belleville, Allen G. (Marcie) Church, Jr. also of Belleville and Adam Michael (Colene) Church of Havelock, NC; brothers, Ted O'Kelley of Kalamazoo and Danny (Carol) O'Kelley of Belleville; a sister, Patricia (Richard) Soranno of Belleville, and three grandchildren, Logan, Porter and Lydia Church.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Walker Harris of the Belleville Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

SAVAGE, Phyllis Margaret

Phyllis Margaret Savage, 82, of Dearborn, died June 25 at Oakwood Hospital.

Among her survivors are 10 nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Miss Savage retired from the Dearborn School System after 24 years of teaching physical education at Dearborn High School. She was a 1939 graduate of Romulus High School and earned her college degree in 1947 from Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti.

She was formerly a member of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus. She was also a member of the Romulus Historical Society, The Dearborn Historical Society, the Dearborn Player's Guild, the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, the Historical Society of Michigan, the Physical Education Teachers Association, the Golden Years Society of Eastern Michigan University Foundation and a life member of the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association.

Memorial services were at First United Methodist Church of Dearborn.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home in Dearborn.

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GILLINGHAM, Barbara J.

Barbara J. Gillingham, 67, of Romulus, formerly of Belleville, died June 26.

Among her survivors are her children, Ralph (Toni) Gillingham, Jr. of Springfield, MO, De Anna (David) Jeffers of Redford, Glenna Gillingham of Myrtle, MS, Patricia-Jan (Robert) Favors of Belleville; sisters, Martha White of Mansfield, OH, Katherine (Roger) Adam of Shelby, OH and Bertha Lambert of Mansfield, OH; 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gillingham worked for the Van Buren Convalescent Center and the Van Buren School District. She was also a foster mother for many years and also served as a Girl Scout leader.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal of St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston officiating.

EVANS, Viola

Viola Evans, 99, of Inkster, died May 31 in Wayne.

Among her survivors are her children, Joanne, Patti and Randy and six generations of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Hearn officiating.

Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

CANUP, Nellie M.

Nellie M. Canup, 82, of Romulus, died June 28.

Among her survivors are her sons, Michael Canup and Ralph Canup, both of Romulus; a sister, Edna Sanders of Paducah, KY; three grandchildren, Jamie Villneff of Dearborn Heights, Lindsey Canup of Dearborn Heights and Stephen Canup of Dearborn, and great-grandchildren, Madison Villneff, Austin Villneff and McKinley Miller.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Robert J. White of Grace Baptist Church in Belleville officiating.

DEAL, Willie

Willie Deal, 59, of Detroit, died May 23.

Among his survivors are his wife, Charlotte; children, Terrell, Traci, Toni, Tresa, Willie C., Dwayne and Rodney, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Greater Grace Temple.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

McKISSICK, Alonzo L.

Alonzo L. McKissick, 74, of Inkster, died May 24 in Westland.

Among his survivors are his wife, Minnie Lee; sons, Luther, Alonzo, Timothy, Charles, Lemule; daughters, Gwendolyn and Hellen; seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with the Rev. Gary Hearn officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery.

GRIMMETT, LaDon

LaDon Grimmer, 56, of Inkster, died May 27.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Madinah; sons, Brian and Oshqq and a grandson, Darius.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Eugene Watkins officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

STEELE, Chadwick

Chadwick Steel, 60, of Detroit, died May 30 at home.

Among his survivors are his brothers; Roderick, Timothy and Earl and his sisters; Almeta, Hattie and Joan.

Funeral services were at St. Paul COGIC in Detroit with the Rev. Robert Lee Haris officiating.

Interment was at Woodville Cemetery in Savannah, Ga.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

SYFULA, Betty B.

Betty B. Sypula, 74, of Romulus, died June 29.

Among her survivors are her

sons, Timothy (Diann) Sypula of Lodi, WI, Michael Sypula of Dearborn Heights and Jamie (Michelle) Sypula of Romulus; daughters, Barbara (Ray) Sypula of Dearborn Heights and Patricia (Michael) Delaney of Dearborn; a brother, Edmond Barlow of Taylor; a sister, Nancy (Eugene) Gaspar of Dearborn, and seven grandchildren, Sarah, Paula, Alex, Kristopher, Jason, Charlotte and Jillian.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal of St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston officiating.

MOON, William H.

William H. Moon, 48, of Romulus, died May 28 in Dearborn Heights.

Among his survivors are his wife, Pat; daughters, Shanita and Alisha, and his mother, Rosie.

Funeral services were at Peoples Community Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hearn officiating.

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